

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:
a first light source having first and second light transmission areas that extend along an axial direction and face each other;
a conveyance unit that conveys an original document sheet such that it faces the first light transmission area; ~~and~~
a reading unit that receives light emitted toward the original document and reflected therefrom and reads an image of the original document sheet;
a second light source that is disposed at a distance from the original document sheet; and
a moving unit that moves the second light source along the original document sheet when the conveyance unit has come to a stop, such that the light emitted from the second light source while it is moving and reflected by the original document sheet is received by the reading unit,
wherein the light that is emitted through the first light transmission area and reflected by the original document sheet passes through the first and second light transmission areas and is led to the reading unit.
2. (Original) The image reading apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a moving unit that moves the first light source along the original document sheet when the conveyance unit has come to a stop.
3. (Original) The image reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein
the conveyance unit conveys the original document sheet while it is in contact with the first transmission area.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The image reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first light source comprise a fluorescent body that generates light based on the impression of a voltage, such fluorescent body being applied on an inner wall of a transparent tube, the first and second light transmission areas are formed so as to include at least part of non-applied areas on which the fluorescent body is not applied.

6. (Original) The image reading apparatus of claim 5, wherein a width of the second light transmission area is narrower than a width of the non-applied area comprising the first light transmission area.

7. (Original) The image reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first light source has a cylindrical configuration.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image reading apparatus of claim 1, comprising:
a first light source having first and second light transmission areas that extend along an axial direction and face each other;
a conveyance unit that conveys an original document sheet such that it faces the first light transmission area; and
a reading unit that receives light emitted toward the original document and reflected therefrom and reads an image of the original document sheet;
wherein the light that is emitted through the first light transmission area and reflected by the original document sheet passes through the first and second light transmission areas and is led to the reading unit, and

wherein the first light source has a pole configuration with a polygonal cross-section.

9. (Currently Amended) A light source comprising:

a transparent tube, having a pole configuration with a polygonal cross-section;

a fluorescent body that generates light based on impression of a voltage, such fluorescent body being applied on an inner wall of the transparent tube; and

first and second light transmission areas that are formed so as to include at least part of non-applied areas on which the fluorescent body is not applied.

10. (Original) The light source of claim 9, wherein

a width of the second light transmission area is narrower than a width of the non-applied area comprising the first light transmission area.